



Dear PNPG Member,

Welcome to the start of the new program year for the Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group (PNPG)! You are among nearly 3,000 pediatric nutrition professionals striving to carry out our [mission](#) of leading the future of pediatric nutrition through education, research, service, and policy/advocacy. Thank you for your membership and commitment to our dietetic practice group. PNPG has always been dedicated to providing valuable membership benefits and this year is no exception.

Grants, awards, scholarships, and continuing education support: This year, PNPG will be providing over \$50,000 to recognize the professional accomplishments of our members and provide support for continuing education opportunities. Details regarding available opportunities and a timeline for the application processes will be provided in monthly e-blasts throughout the year and posted on the [PNPG website](#).

Mentoring: Our Member Support team coordinates a highly successful Mentoring Program that is available to members only. Twice a year, members looking for guidance in pediatric nutrition practice have a chance to be matched with a member interested in sharing their expertise. Learn more about becoming a mentor or mentee [here](#).

Learning Opportunities: PNPG provides many professional development opportunities through webinars and the peer-reviewed publication, *Building Block for Life* -- all free with PNPG membership! Visit the PNPG website to access [current webinars and BBFL issues](#) and [past webinars](#) and [previous BBFL issues](#) with expired CPEU's.

Public Policy: A dedicated Public Policy Committee works diligently to help members understand key legislation related to pediatric nutrition and stay up-to-date on action alerts. Click [here](#) to read more about public policy or contact our Public Policy Chair at pnppublicpolicy@gmail.com.

Special Events: As you may have already heard, for 2021, the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo™ (FNCE®) will be conducted virtually but PNPG members will still have a chance to interact with each other. Stay tuned for more information on how to connect with your pediatric nutrition colleagues at FNCE®.

Social Media: Follow PNPG on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). There, you'll find information on pediatric nutrition news, conferences, and events. Please reach out to pnpcommunications@gmail.com if you'd like to be featured on our social media channels. We would love to share more about what our talented members are up to!

PNPG Website: The PNPG website was just updated in July of 2021! It can be found at <https://www.pnpg.org> and will continue to be the hub for PNPG member benefits (including the [members-only community discussion board](#)). We strive to have all content provided to our members in an easy to use format, so if you have suggestions or concerns, feel free to email me at: chairpnpg@gmail.com or use [Contact Us](#) on our website. In addition to a revamp of the overall look and feel, the new platform includes a central log-in for other Academy websites, integration of a Learning Management System for CPEU activities, improved navigation, and more.

All of these member benefits are made possible through the efforts of over 50 volunteer [PNPG Leadership Team](#) members. This group is routinely thinking of ways to enhance and better support you in your practice. To share your ideas or [volunteer with PNPG](#) through an elected position, appointed position, or committee, please [contact us](#).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chair. It's truly an honor.

Sincerely,

[Kimberly Zeender Christy, RD, LD, CLC](#)

Chair, Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group, 2021-2022